

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined ("____") being added and the language that contains strikethrough ("—") being deleted:

21. – 40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) A method, at an enhanced notification server, for notification of messages comprising:

receiving a notification from a first message server, wherein the notification includes information related to an incoming message that is intended for a subscriber, wherein the notification further includes a first identification associating the subscriber with the first message server;

determining at least one user preference setting, wherein the at least one user preference setting indicates whether the subscriber desires to receive the incoming message with the notification;

mapping the first identification to a second identification, wherein the second identification associates the subscriber with a second message server;

querying the second message server using the second identification, to determine current availability of the subscriber on a communications device associated with the second message server;

in response to a determination that the subscriber is currently available on the communications device, forwarding the notification to the communications device; and

in response to a determination that the subscriber is currently not available on the communications device, queuing the notification at the enhanced notification server for later delivery.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the first message server is a voicemail server.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the information related to an incoming messages includes one or more of the following: an identity of a sender of the incoming message, a date of the incoming message, a time of the incoming message, a size of the incoming message.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the second message server is an instant messaging presence server.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the communications device is an instant messaging client.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, further comprising, in response to a determination that the at least one user preference setting indicates that the subscriber prefers to receive the incoming message with the notification, attaching the incoming message to the notification.

48. (Previously Presented) An enhanced notification server configured to:
receive a notification from a first message server, wherein the notification includes information related to an incoming message that is intended for a subscriber, wherein the

notification further includes a first identification associating the subscriber with the first message server;

determine at least one user preference setting, wherein the at least one user preference setting indicates whether the subscriber desires to receive the incoming message with the notification;

map the first identification to a second identification, wherein the second identification associates the subscriber with a second message server;

query the second message server using the second identification, to determine current availability of the subscriber on a communications device associated with the second message server;

in response to a determination that the subscriber is currently available on the communications device, forward the notification to the communications device; and

in response to a determination that the subscriber is currently not available on the communications device, queue the notification at the enhanced notification server for later delivery.

49. (Canceled)

50. (Previously Presented) The server of claim 48, wherein the first message server is a voicemail server.

51. (Previously Presented) The server of claim 48, wherein the information related to an incoming messages includes at least one of the following: an identity of a sender of the incoming message, a date of the incoming message, a time of the incoming message, a size of the incoming message.

52. (Previously Presented) The server of claim 48, wherein the second message server is an instant messaging presence server.

53. (Previously Presented) The server of claim 48, wherein the communications device is an instant messaging client.

54. (Previously Presented) The server of claim 48, further configured to, in response to a determination that the at least one user preference setting indicates that the subscriber prefers to receive the incoming message with the notification, attach the incoming message to the notification.

55. (Previously Presented) A method, at an enhanced notification server, for notification of messages comprising:

receiving a notification from a first message server, wherein the notification includes information related to an incoming message that is intended for a subscriber, wherein the notification further includes a first identification associating the subscriber with the first message server;

mapping the first identification to a second identification, wherein the second identification associates the subscriber with a second message server;

querying the second message server, using the second identification, to determine current availability of the subscriber on a communications device associated with the second message server;

in response to a determination that the subscriber is currently available on the communications device, forwarding the notification to the communications device, wherein the notification includes a query of whether the subscriber desires to receive the incoming message via the second message server;

in response to a determination that the subscriber is not currently available on the communications device, queuing the notification at the enhanced notification server for later delivery; and

in response to receiving a response to the query, indicating that the subscriber desires to receive the incoming message via the second messaging server, retrieving the incoming message from the first messaging server.

56. (Canceled)

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 55, wherein the first message server is a voicemail server.

58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 55, further comprising forwarding the retrieved incoming message to the second messaging server.

59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 55, wherein the second message server is an instant messaging presence server.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 55, wherein the communications device is an instant messaging client.